

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9075  
INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
IN , US, MASS  
A-4 SALE TO INDIA

1. REPORTS OF INDIAN INTEREST IN A-4 PURCHASE HAVE RECEIVED  
MODERATE PRESS PLAY IN PAKISTAN. BOTH WILSON STORY IN THE  
POST AND N.Y. TIMES FOLLOW-UP STORY FROM DELHI CARRIED IN  
URDU LANGUAGE PRESS. PAK TIMES OF DECEMBER 16 CARRIES  
BACK-PAGE ARTICLE BASED ON TIMES STORY HEADLINED 'INDIAN  
TEAM IN US TO STRIKE SKYHAWK DEAL.' ARTICLE DEOS NOT  
MENTION AN INDIAN TEAM IN THE STATES BUT RATHER NOTES THAT  
INDIAN MILITARY OFFICIALS HAVE HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS  
WITH US AUTHORITIES ON POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING SKYHAWK.

2. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED IN GOVERNMENT  
CONTROLLED PAPERS. INDEPENDENT, URDU LANGUAGE  
NAWA-I-WAQT CARRIES EDITORIAL DECEMBER 14 WHICH NOTES -  
IN CONTEXT OF PAPER'S CUSTOMARY ALLEGATIONS OF LONGTIME  
UNTRUSTWORTHINESS OF US AS ALLY- THAT THE "DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE'S EXPLANATION THAT AMERICA IS NOT SELLING THE  
A-4 TO INDIA APPEARS STRANGE AND ILLOGICAL AND THE  
PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THIS  
EXPLANATION."CONSTABLE  
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